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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - JUNE 14

Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, will be the setting for the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society on Thursday, June 14. Please save this date, and watch for details in the June *Gull*.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

Since I reported to you last in *The Gull*, our Audubon Canyon Ranch project has been moving ahead. The articles of incorporation went through on schedule, thanks to Stanley J. Madden and Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro. An executive committee was elected, with Stan Picher, president of the Marin Audubon Society, as chairman. The other members are: Dr. L. M. Griffen, Jr., Lawrence W. Jordan, Jr., Mrs. Alice C. Kent, Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, Aileen Pierson, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, and Mrs. Beth C. Snyder.

The brochure has been beautifully designed, a contribution by Harry Lee of the J. Walter Thompson Company. The photographs, which give such a feel of the ranch, were taken by Walter Goodman, Dr. L. M. Griffen, Jr., Kathleen Hoover, and Laurel Reynolds. We are now getting the brochure printed. It will soon be sent out with pledge cards.

Both our own society's board and the board of the ranch ask that each of you be a member of the fund-raising committee. As such, we ask that you take responsibility for getting a contribution from at *least* one person who is not a member of our society. We can't save the ranch except by a united effort of this kind.

I hope that each of you will visit Audubon Canyon Ranch soon. When you do—and if you are reasonably strong of limb and sound of wind—start by taking the trail to the rookery outlook. Keep on this bird-singing, flower-blooming, tree-shading trail (bear to the right when the trail forks) to the top of the ranch. You will cross a small creek with small frogs that are a bit hard to see, so well do they blend in with the stones. Keep on, and come down the open grasslands slope. This brings you back to the farmhouse. You will now be completely sold on Audubon Canyon Ranch. And you can sell anybody else.—AILEEN PIERSON, *President*

MAY MEETING

The 529th regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in San Francisco on Thursday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin Sts.

Mr. A. W. Larson, a director of our society, and a part-time naturalist for the California State Park System, will be the speaker. "Hunting Small Game with a Camera" is the title of his illustrated lecture. His pictures of birds and animals have been taken in central and northern California. Guests are welcome.

A no-host dinner will precede the meeting at Foster's, Van Ness and Geary, at 6:00 p.m. There is a small dining area upstairs. Plan to join us.—MYRA J. BROWNE, *Program Chairman*

FIELD OBSERVATION

A Blue-footed Booby was observed on the old oyster fence at the head of Tomales Bay about 11:00 a.m. on April 8 by Professor C. S. Marvel of the University of Arizona, J. O. Clayton and his son Jim, J. A. Fuller, and G. H. Dennison. It was identified in good light through 8-power binoculars and 40-power telescope from the west shore.

MARCH TRIP TO TILDEN PARK

On Saturday, March 24, a mild, clear day, about 50 members and guests went on the Tilden Park trip, visiting Jewel Lake and the Laurel Canyon area. The following 28 species were observed: Mallard, Red-tailed Hawk, Coot, Band-tailed Pigeon, Great Horned Owl, Allen and Rufous Hummingbird, Red-shafted Flicker, Steller Jay, Scrub Jay, Bushtit, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Wrentit, Bewick Wren, Robin, Audubon and Orange-crowned Warbler, House Sparrow, Cowbird, House Finch, Rufous-sided and Brown Towhee, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Oregon Junco, White-crowned, Golden-crowned, Fox and Song Sparrow. At least 13 kinds of wildflowers were in bloom, of which the following were among the showier species: Trillium, zygadene, madrone, poppy, blue lupine, *Brodiaea capitata* and *Dentaria*.—L. R. LEINBACH, *Leader & Historian*

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Albany, Mr. S. G. Herman; from Berkeley, Miss Lucile Czarnowski, Mr. Frederick Peake, Miss Iris Richards, Mrs. Virginia Rommain, Mr. Hugh D. Spitzer; from Oakland, Mr. James Hester, Mrs. Charles E. Hussey, Mrs. D. "Pat" McCarthy, Lolita Peterson; from Piedmont, Mr. Bill Wade; from Richmond, Mr. H. A. Sammet; from San Francisco, Mr. Charles V. Barfield, Mr. Theodore Paul Kipping, Ann Ray.—ROBERTA J. LONG, *Membership Chairman*

FIELD TRIPS FOR MAY

On Sunday, May 6, to Jack London Ranch, Glen Ellen, Sonoma Co. See announcement in April *Gull*. Meet at 9 a. m. at Glen Ellen post office. This is about one mile from Highway 12, seven miles from Sonoma and 15 miles from Santa Rosa. Leaders, Marianne and Susan Shepard, Box 141, Glen Ellen.

On Sat., & Sun., May 12 & 13, overnight to Sacramento Valley. A visit will be made to lowland watercourses and farmlands near the city of Sacramento. Blue Grosbeak and many species of shorebirds and waterfowl may be seen. The Sutter and Colusa National Wildlife Refuges will be visited Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning as well as other areas close to Colusa. We hope to see the nesting sites of Blackbirds, particularly the Tricolored. The route of travel will be along some back roads which go close to the Sacramento River. For those who wish to stay over night there are motels in Colusa and the Colusa Sacramento River State Park for campers. On Saturday, meet at 8 a. m., at the State Library Circle where Highway U. S. 40 meets the Capitol grounds in Sacramento. On Sunday, meet at 8 a. m., in front of the post office in Colusa. Allow two hours driving time from bay area points to Sacramento. Co-leaders, E. A. Albertson, P. O. Box 61, Palo Alto, and Paul DeBenedictis TH 8-5240.

On Tuesday, May 15, to Golden Gate Park Fuchsia Gardens. These gardens are a lovely setting in which to enjoy birds and flowers. Spring plumage and song will be at its best. Nesting warblers and many hummingbirds will be present. Meet at 9:30 a. m., at Fifth Avenue and Fulton Street. - Leader, Mrs. Robert Da Costa, TUxedo 5-0224.

On Sunday, May 20, to the Farallon Islands. (See April *Gull*) Fare $7.00 per person. Black-footed Albatross, California Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Cassin's Auklet, Sooty Shearwater, and Tufted Puffin are very good possibilities. Leader, Richard Stallcup, LO 9-3185.

On Saturday & Sunday, May 26-27, Yosemite National Park. This is the place to see many unusual birds. In previous years, at this time, Great Gray and Pygmy Owl, Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker and Williamson's Sapsucker were seen. Interesting mammals and beautiful flowers were observed. The waterfalls are most spectacular at this time. Campers will get together at Camp 11. Trips will start from the main post office, at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. on Saturday and 9 a. m. on Sunday. The Saturday afternoon trip will be to the meadows on the Glacier Point Road to look for the Great Gray Owl. Leader, Richard Stallcup, LO 9-3185, and others.

On Saturday, June 2, to Fleishhacker Zoo and beach areas. Bank Swallow, a bird of unique nesting habit, will be the main attraction. After birding in and around the zoo a walk will be taken along the beach to observe the swallows nesting in the banks bordering on the shoreline. Come prepared to walk in the sand. Meet at the north entrance to the zoo on Sloat Blvd., at 9:15 a. m. Leader, Erlene Hevel, PR. 5-6498.

Field Trips for June:

June 2, Saturday-Fleishhacker Zoo and beach.

June 9 & 10, Saturday and Sunday overnight-Snyder Cabin in the Yuba Pass.

June 12, Tuesday-Mills College.

June 16 & 17, Saturday and Sunday overnight-Van Damme Beach State Park.

June 30, Saturday-Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley.

HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Field Trips Chairman.*

INVITATION FROM SEATTLE AUDUBON SOCIETY

Audubon members and friends bound for the World's Fair are invited to visit the Seattle Audubon Society's headquarters at 820 Joshua Green Building, Fourth Ave. and Pike St., one block from the terminal of the monorail which goes to the Fair. Their office is staffed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week. They plan to have regular and special field trips to various places for visitors and also illustrated programs at the city's public library, according to Dr. Claude C. Heckman, president.

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